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Emergency Medical Services/HOSPITAL

Interoperability Talkgroups

Section II (a)(iv)

Policies

- (a) Utilize established interoperability talkgroups based on the regions defined in (3)(a).
- (b) Interoperability talkgroups are available on a first come, first serve basis for multiple agency use.

1) Background

One of the most significant benefits of Project Hoosier SAFE-T is the ability for multiple agencies to coordinate their efforts via a shared communications system. Agencies that need to communicate may do so by programming talkgroups from various agencies into their respective radios, or by using the regional and statewide interoperability talkgroups established by IPSC. In order to enable agencies to quickly and easily communicate, IPSC has developed policies governing the use of interoperability talkgroups.

2) Capabilities/Constraints

- (a) Three analog Emergency Medical Services/Hospital interoperability talkgroups for each of the four (4) zones.
- (b) Analog talkgroups and zones are described in section (3)(a).
- (c) The use of analog talkgroups is recommended for support of users having only analog radios.

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- (d) The EMS/HOSPITAL interoperability talkgroups are to be reserved for the exchange of patient transfer and medical information between the transport vehicle(s) and the hospital(s).

3) Recommendations

- (a) Three (3) EMS/HOSPITAL talkgroups established for each of the four (4) zones in the state. One talkgroup will be designated as a dispatch talkgroup in each of the four zones. Hospitals, located in each of the zones are requested to monitor this talk. The other two (2) talkgroups will be assigned as operations talkgroups. Transport vehicles and the hospital are requested to move to an available “operations talkgroup” once initial communications have been established on the “dispatch talkgroup”.
- (b) The following EMS/Hospital regional talkgroup names are established for use as described above: NO_Dispatch, NO_Ops1, NO_Ops2 for the northern zone; CE_Dispatch, CE_Ops1, and CE_Ops2 for the central zone; SE_Dispatch, SE_Ops1 and SE_Ops2 for the southeast zone; and, SW_Dispatch, SW_Ops1 and SW_Ops2 for the southwest zone.

- (c) Counties assigned to the various zones are as follows:

NO--Lake, Porter, LaPorte, Newton, Jasper, Starke, Pulaski, St. Joseph, Elkhart, Marshall, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Steuben, Noble, DeKalb, Whitley, Allen, Huntington, Wells, Adams, Benton, White, Warren, Tippecanoe, Carroll, Fountain, Montgomery, Clinton, Fulton, Cass, Miami, Wabash, Howard and Tipton

CE--Vermillion, Parke, Vigo, Clay, Sullivan, Putnam, Hendricks, Morgan, Boone, Marion, Johnson, Shelby, Hamilton, Madison, Hancock, Grant, Blackford, Jay, Delaware, Randolph, Henry, Wayne, Rush, Fayette, Union and Franklin

SE--Bartholomew, Jackson, Jennings, Decatur, Ripley, Dearborn, Ohio, Jefferson, Switzerland, Washington, Scott, Clark, Harrison and Floyd

SW--Owen, Monroe, Brown, Greene, Lawrence, Knox, Gibson, Pike, Posey, Vanderburgh, Warrick, Daviess, Martin, Orange, Dubois, Crawford, Spencer and Perry